



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1281

LCO No. 4169

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR THE BUILDING OF
NATURAL GAS PIPELINES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 16-50k of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of section 16-50z, no person
4 shall exercise any right of eminent domain in contemplation of,
5 commence the preparation of the site for, or commence the
6 construction or supplying of a facility, or any modification of a facility,
7 that may, as determined by the council, have a substantial adverse
8 environmental effect, in the state without having first obtained a
9 certificate of environmental compatibility and public need, hereinafter
10 referred to as a "certificate", issued with respect to such facility or
11 modification by the council, except fuel cells with a generating
12 capacity of ten kilowatts or less which shall not require such certificate.
13 Any facility with respect to which a certificate is required shall
14 thereafter be built, maintained and operated in conformity with such
15 certificate and any terms, limitations or conditions contained therein.
16 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the council shall, in

17 the exercise of its jurisdiction over the siting of [generating] facilities,
18 approve by declaratory ruling, unless the council finds a substantial
19 adverse environmental effect, (1) the construction of a facility solely for
20 the purpose of generating electricity other than an electric generating
21 facility that uses nuclear materials or coal as fuel, at a site where an
22 electric generating facility operated prior to July 1, 1998, [and] (2) the
23 construction or location of any fuel cell, [unless the council finds a
24 substantial adverse environmental effect] and (3) the construction of a
25 gas transmission line.

26 Sec. 2. (NEW) Any municipality may, upon approval by its
27 legislative body or in any town in which the legislative body is a town
28 meeting, by the board of selectmen, abate for a period of up to ten
29 years all or a portion of the property taxes due on and after July 1,
30 2002, for property owned by a gas company, as defined in section 16-1
31 of the general statutes, on which a natural gas pipeline or pipelines,
32 compressor stations, appliances, or other equipment appurtenant to
33 natural gas pipelines, provided such pipelines or equipment were
34 constructed on and after July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To create incentives for the construction of new natural gas pipelines.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]